

UPLAND GAME ANIMALS — COTTONTAIL RABBITS AND SNOWSHOE HARES

UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKE

No person shall take upland game animals:

- From one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- With a trap, snare, net, or shotgun using shotgun shells exceeding three and one-half (3 1/2) inches in length.
- From boats or other craft having a motor attached UNLESS the motor is completely shut off and forward progress has ceased, or the boat is drifting naturally, or it is propelled only by paddle, oars, or pole, or it is beached, moored, or resting at anchor.
- By the use or aid of any electronic call.

TO CORRECTLY DISTINGUISH COTTONTAIL RABBITS (SEASON OPEN) AND PYGMY RABBITS (SEASON CLOSED), CHECK FOR THESE CHARACTERISTICS.

Cottontail Rabbit

Tail: dark above and white underneath

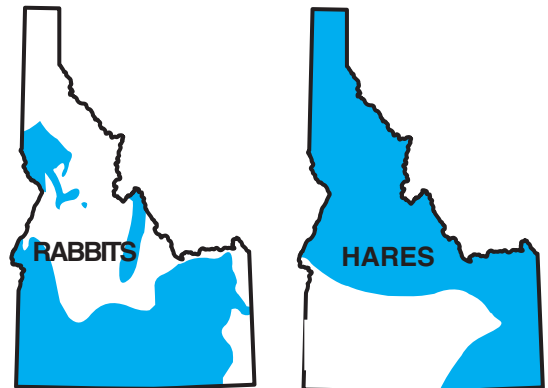
Size: More than one foot in length (13.5-16.6 inches)

Pygmy Rabbit

Tail: buffy gray with no white on it.

Size: Less than one foot in length (9.7-11.3 inches)

- Contact your local regional office to determine if pygmy rabbits are found in your area of interest



*Shaded areas show
general distribution of
these species.*

AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING

Hunting, killing, or molesting upland game animals is prohibited in the following areas:

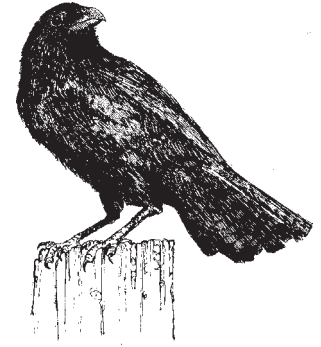
- Craters of the Moon National Monument. See page 11 for a full description.
- Harriman State Park Wildlife Refuge in Fremont County.
- Nez Perce National Historical Park in Clearwater, Idaho and Nez Perce Counties.
- That portion of Ada County within Veterans Memorial Park and the area between State Highway 21 and the New York Canal from the New York Canal Diversion Dam downstream to the Boise City limits.
- Yellowstone National Park in Fremont County.
- On any of those portions of federal refuges, State game preserves, State wildlife management areas, bird preserves, bird refuges, and bird sanctuaries for which bird hunting closures have been declared by legislative or Commission action.

SEASONS, BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS - STATEWIDE			
SPECIES	SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMITS	POSSESSION LIMIT (After 1st day of season)
COTTONTAIL RABBITS	2004: SEP 1, 2004–FEB 28, 2005 2005: SEP 1, 2005–FEB 28, 2006	8	16
PYGMY RABBITS	SEASON CLOSED		
SNOWSHOE HARES	2004: SEP 1, 2004–MARCH 31, 2005 2005: SEP 1, 2005–MARCH 31, 2006	8	16

AMERICAN CROWS

No person shall take American crows:

- From one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- With trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol or a shotgun using shells exceeding three and one-half (3 1/2) inches maximum length.
- From boats or other craft having a motor attached UNLESS the motor is completely shut off and forward progress has ceased, or the boat is drifting naturally or it is propelled only by paddle, oars, or pole, or it is beached, moored, or resting at anchor.



AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING

Areas closed to hunting of upland game birds are also closed to hunting of American crows. See page 8.

SEASONS, BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS - STATEWIDE		
SPECIES	SEASON	DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS
AMERICAN CROW	2004: OCT 1, 2004—JAN 31, 2005 2005: OCT 1, 2005—JAN 31, 2006	NO LIMITS



FALCONRY

Species from the following families may be used for falconry:

- Accipitridae (except the bald eagle).
- Falconidae.
- Strigidae (Great horned owl only).

Hunting season: Upland game birds and upland game animals may be taken by falconry during firearms seasons established for those species and during extended falconry seasons (see table on page 22). During firearm season, falconers may take firearm season bag and possession limits (see page 22). During extended falconry seasons, special limits apply (see page 22).

Migratory game birds may be taken by falconry during firearms seasons established for those species. However, during firearms seasons and extended falconry seasons, special bag and possession limits apply (see table on page 22).

Falconers are now required to have state permits for raptor captive breeding, falconry, falconry capture (nonresidents only), falconry in-state transfer, and falconry meet (nonresidents only). A falconry training permit is required when training with released upland game birds and waterfowl. Permits can be purchased at IDFG Regional Offices.

There are special requirements regarding the capture, possession, transfer and use of birds of prey in Idaho. Complete rules are available from: IDFG, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON HUNTING WITH BIRDS OF PREY

Anytime a hunting bird of prey kills quarry that may not be taken under established rules, seasons, bag limits, or license requirements, the falconer must leave the dead quarry where it lies. EXCEPT that the bird of prey may feed upon the quarry before leaving the kill site.

No person may carry a firearm or be accompanied by any person carrying a firearm while hunting by falconry.

All Idaho residents, hunting by falconry must have in their possession a valid Idaho falconry permit, a valid hunting license and all necessary validations.

All nonresidents, hunting by falconry must have in their possession a valid Idaho hunting license, all necessary validations and a valid falconry permit from their state of residence.

EXTENDED FALCONRY SEASONS, BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS				
SPECIES	OPEN AND CLOSED AREAS	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMITS	POSSESSION LIMIT (After 1st day of season)
PHEASANTS (All Varieties)	All counties or parts of counties which have a firearms season are open to hunting by falconry.	Aug 15, 2004 to the opening of the firearms season and from the close of firearms season through March 15, 2005. Aug 15, 2005 to the opening of the firearms season and from the close of the firearms season through March 15, 2006	3 of any kind and shall not include more than 1 pheasant (male or female), 1 sage grouse, or 1 sharp-tailed grouse except during firearm seasons when those seasons' limits apply.	6 of any kind and shall not include more than 2 pheasant (male or female), 2 sage grouse or 2 sharp-tailed grouse.
GRAY PATRIDGE CHUKAR PARTRIDGE BOBWHITE QUAIL CALIFORNIA QUAIL	Same as above	Same as above		
FOREST GROUSE (BLUE, RUFFED & SPRUCE)	Same as above	Same as above		
SAGE GROUSE	Same as above	Same as above		
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	Same as above	Same as above		
CROWS	Open Statewide	Oct 1, 2004 - Jan 31, 2005 Oct 1, 2005 - Jan 31, 2006	No daily bag or possession limits.	
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS (DUCKS, GEESE, COOTS, MERGANSERS, COMMON SNIPE, MOURNING DOVE)	Open Statewide	The season shall be within the season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for these species. Hunters should check with IDFG offices for actual dates.	3 of any kind	6 of any kind
COTTONTAIL RABBITS	Open Statewide	March 1, 2004 - Aug 31, 2004 March 1, 2005 - Aug 31, 2005	2 of any kind	4 of any kind
SNOWSHOE HARES	Open Statewide	Apr 1, 2004 - Aug 31, 2004 Apr 1, 2005 - Aug 31, 2005		

